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Irrigation facilities in Guntur district.

* 155 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government passed orders in September last to provide irrigation facilities for certain survey numbers in Garikapadu village, Bapatla taluk, Guntur district;

(*b*) whether ayacutdars have agreed to pay the cost of acquisition of lands required for providing irrigation facilities;

(*c*) whether any action has been taken so far to carry out the orders of Government;

(*d*) whether delay in this case as in the case of others has been brought to the notice of Government, and if so, what action they propose to take especially when the schemes affect "Grow More Food" campaign; and

(*e*) whether the Government have devised any method to ensure carrying out of such schemes without undue delay?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) Some of the ryots are not willing to bear the cost of acquisition of the land and some are objecting to the acquisition itself.

"(*c*) No action can be taken in the matter unless and until all the ryots agree to bear the cost of acquisition *pro rata*.

"(*d*) No delay has been brought to the notice of the Government in this case.

"(*e*) No. Proceedings under the Land Acquisition Act in such cases are usually expedited wherever necessary and possible.

"The question of altering the procedure under the Act so as to expedite acquisition of lands required for Grow More Food schemes and the execution of such works is also separately under consideration."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—"In view of the fact that the Grow More Food Campaign has become very important, I want to know, Sir, whether the Government to enact any statute and whether they will expedite its enactment?"

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—"The question is being examined by a separate committee and a special officer of the Government of India. As soon as the report is available, necessary provision will be made."

Blake Choultry Inam Land in Bellary.

* 156 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) Whether what is known as the Blake Choultry Inam Land in Bellary Municipality forms part of any Town-Planning Scheme;

(*b*) whether the said land has been alienated in favour of the Municipality;